

R E M A R K S

In light of the Examiner's indication that the proposed amendments submitted by applicants on July 01, 2004, will not be entered for purposes of appeal, applicants herewith present an amendment canceling Claims 7 to 11 which stand withdrawn from consideration in the application. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6 and 12 remain in the application in the version presented by applicants on November 06, 2003. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME:

It is respectfully requested that a one month extension of time be granted in this case. An authorization to charge the \$110.00 fee to Deposit Account No. 11.0345 is included in applicants' appeal brief of even date with this paper.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees, to Deposit Account No. 11.0345. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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Encl.: THE LISTING OF CLAIMS (Appendix I)

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A P P E N D I X I:

THE LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled)
2. (previously presented) A catalyst as in claim 12, wherein the catalyst support comprises from 10 to 100% by weight of δ -Al₂O₃.
3. (previously presented) A catalyst as in claim 12, wherein the active components employed are from 1 to 15% by weight of copper, from 0.1 to 6% by weight of alkali metals, and from 0 to 5% by weight of alkaline earth metals, rare-earth metals or mixtures thereof.
4. (canceled)
5. (previously presented) A process for the preparation of the catalyst of claim 12, which comprises impregnating pulverulent δ -Al₂O₃-containing support with salts of copper, alkali metals and, optionally, alkaline earth metals, rare-earth metals or mixtures thereof, separately from one another or together, optionally with the addition of acids or oxidants.
6. (previously presented) The process of claim 5, wherein the salts employed are chlorides.
7. (canceled)
8. (canceled)
9. (canceled)
10. (canceled)
11. (canceled)
12. (previously presented) An oxychlorination catalyst in powder form for use as a fluidized-bed catalyst which comprises at least one active component with a catalyst support comprising δ -Al₂O₃ in an amount detectable by X-ray diffractometry.